

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SCOTT ROSCOE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of presenting Scott Roscoe with his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Scott is a member of Egg Harbor Township Troop 94. For his Eagle Scout Project, he installed a wall-mounted shelving system in the offices of the Great Egg Harbor Township Historical Society. For this project, Scott arranged the material donations and volunteers, communicated with the historical society, and arranged meetings with groups and individuals to ensure the completion of the project. He also volunteered around 110 service hours at the ALS Walk, Food Bank, Salvation Army, Patcong Creek, Beach Cleanup, and more. Scott, along with his brother Jack, also helped organize and sell flood-relief buckets to aid Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey. This young man should be proud of his accomplishments, and it was my honor to have the opportunity to recognize him for his service to both the Historical Society and the entire South Jersey community. God Bless Scott and God Bless America.

LEXI MISSIMO

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VAN DUYN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our Texas 24 Hometown Hero of the week, Lexi Missimo, a Southlake native representing the United States Women's National youth team.

Last season while playing for the University of Texas, Lexi showed courage in the face of public pressure by standing proudly for our country's national anthem. While many chose to bend the knee, Lexi stood with pride to honor the country she loves, and her beloved late grandfather who selflessly served in the military.

We live in strange times—it is now more acceptable to kneel for our flag than to stand. Lexi displayed bravery by refusing to cower to public pressure, not for any political purpose, but simply out of love for country.

Lexi is an all-American kid—one who is proud of the country she calls home and those who serve to protect it. I look forward to seeing her represent our country this summer with the Under 20's national team, and one day, fulfill her dream to play for the senior team.

I thank Lexi for her courageous actions. May they inspire the rest of the country to show pride in our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE 1ST MISSION SUPPORT COMMAND OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE IN PUERTO RICO

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I would like to give special recognition to the Organized Reserve in Puerto Rico known as the 1st Mission Support Command.

In June 1922, the Organized Reserve in Puerto Rico was authorized when the Headquarters of the 187th Infantry Brigade and the 373rd Infantry Regiment were allotted from the National Army. This force, transformed by the needs of the nation continues to serve today as the 1st Mission Support Command. As we approach the 100th anniversary of its organization it is befitting to pause to commemorate and recognize the contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to vital national security interests and homeland defense.

Answering the nation's call when liberty is at risk is a responsibility that the citizen soldiers from the newly Organized Reserve in Puerto Rico readily assumed. From July 14, 1939 to July 7, 1945, 119 enlisted and 513 officers from the Organized Reserve in Puerto Rico served in World War II. During the decade of the 1940s the Organized Reserve in Puerto Rico were designated the Army Reserve in Puerto Rico. Subsequent military priorities adapted, expanded, and amended the organization of the Army Reserve in Puerto Rico to include additional military occupational specialties, capabilities and responsibility for units in the Virgin Islands. Its current denomination as 1st Mission Support Command was authorized on October 19, 2007.

These changes enabled the Army Reserve in Puerto Rico to activate and deploy from September 1990 through October 1991, more than 1,000 Soldiers in support of the Persian Gulf War. After the events of September 11, 2001, the 1st Mission Support Command deployed more than 5,000 soldiers to provide indispensable and sustained support for operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, and other throughout the world, with 95 percent of units having deployed or provided mobilized soldiers, in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

The commitment of the members of the 1st Mission Support Command and their success wherever they deploy is a demonstration of their quality and devotion to duty. But behind each of them are the family members who support them with their love and who endure the long periods of separation spent in training and deployments. This 100th anniversary is also a celebration of their stoic support.

Confronting overseas threats is where the 1st Mission Support Command has earned its reputation as a professional and capable

force. But probably the greatest threat confronted by the command was not in a remote battlefield, but in its own backyard. The battering winds of Hurricane Irma and Maria in 2017 impacted Puerto Rico with such a force that within a few hours transformed our beloved Island into a disaster zone. The severity of the Island-wide disaster required designating the 1st Mission Support Command as the U.S. Army Reserve Caribbean Geographical Command, which added key new capabilities to its formation and placing thousands of additional soldiers, under one chain of command. It is evidence of the quality of leadership and soldiers who are part of the 1st Mission Support Command that even when faced with the emergency imposed by the disaster, they gallantly helped their communities while effectively continuing to support their military commitments overseas.

As the 1st Mission Support Command in Puerto Rico stands in the threshold of a new century, we are confident that the strong roots developed during the last 100 years have prepared the men and woman of this command to respond to the challenges that war, or nature could bring in the future. Is in this context that I request that this body joins with me to recognize and commend the 1st Mission Command for the selfless and dedicated service of its past and present citizen-soldiers whose personal courage, contributions, and sacrifices have helped preserve the freedom and advance the national security and homeland defense of the United States of America.

BIOECONOMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. NIKEMA WILLIAMS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I urge support for my amendment to bolster the research capacity of our Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs).

I'm a third generation HBCU graduate. HBCUs were created to provide a safe place of learning for Black Americans. Just this week, that most basic tenet has been threatened by racist bomb threats.

On Tuesday, I called on the Department of Education to lead a whole-of-government response to these threats. We owe HBCU students and faculty safety, but we also owe them so much more.

I'm here today to ensure Congress delivers for our HBCUs the same way they delivered for me and so many other graduates. My amendment will bolster the research capacity of HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs in two ways.

First, it will ensure that research grants from the National Science Foundation can be used for the professional development and

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mentorship of student and faculty researchers at HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs. Second, it will make sure federal agencies provide technical assistance to HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs on how to grow their capacity to manage grants from application to completion.

As the representative of the congressional district with the greatest number of HBCUs, I know investing in HBCUs supports Black excellence. My amendment will support critical educational institutions and their students, advance innovation, and grow our economy. I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

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SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on amendment number 150 sponsored by Representative MIKE LEVIN.

This amendment is modeled off the Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act (PLREDA) which promotes wind, solar, and geothermal resources on public lands.

You might ask me why I am speaking on a Democrat amendment, or why I seem to know so much about this amendment.

It's strange because this amendment looks familiar to me. I wonder why that is?

Oh that's right, that's because PLREDA is my bill, one which I have sponsored since the 112th Congress.

When I introduced PLREDA in the previous Congresses, I solicited original cosponsors in a bipartisan manner.

Mr. LEVIN was one such original cosponsor.

After the 2020 election, we used Mr. LEVIN as the lead, yet with this current legislation I was prohibited from being part of its annual original sponsors.

But that's fine, I am more interested in passing good governance for the American people than demanding the credit.

I have done this in the past when we reformed the antitrust exemptions in the McCarran-Ferguson Act for the medical insurance industry and brought knowledge to the erroneous administrative exclusion in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act jeopardizing constituents in Mohave County, Arizona and Clark County, Nevada.

If this were a stand-alone provision, it would earn my support because we need to pass the remainder of PLREDA, the rest which I was unable to get passed in previous Congresses.

However, used as an amendment to a very disingenuous bill, I cannot support it. Not because of the theft of my bill but the poor process used today in this bad bill.

I've always said good process builds good policy which makes good politics.

The amendments being considered inside en bloc packages is a tactic of the current majority which would make the founders roll in their graves.

This is not a counter China bill. This bill promotes a role for the government in the economy which is un-American and deals more in abstract social and climate policies than anything else.

It is not good process. Everyone on the other side has not read the full bill, just like

they have not taken the time to make themselves fully aware of anything they have passed so far, regardless if it's a bill, amendment, or resolution.

The American people should be concerned about how this bill actually makes us weaker in the face of China, and no matter how many of my good policy ideas you add to it in the form of an amendment, you cannot change its rotten core.

CASEL'S MARKETPLACE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the pleasure of visiting Casel's Marketplace, a family-owned market in Margate, South Jersey. Since opening its doors as a small grocery store in Atlantic City in 1929, Casel's has brought the finest quality ingredients to the South Jersey community. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Sieden family owning Casel's Marketplace. Throughout the years, Casel's has continued to turn new visitors into life-long customers. They are known for their signature meats, smoked fish department, grab-and-go salads, extensive cheese selection, and fresh produce section. Casel's Marketplace is always doing everything necessary to give their customers' the best shopping experience. God Bless the Sieden Family and Casel's Marketplace and God Bless America.

HONORING ANNE BACON AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Anne Bacon, Chief Executive Officer of IMPACT Community Action Partnership.

Anne Bacon and her team at IMPACT have been essential in helping Iowans keep a roof over their heads throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and supporting Iowans in need. So much of what we do here in Congress relies on the work of public servants and communities to implement, and their work has been especially critical over the last two years. IMPACT has been serving Iowans for years, but they took on new challenges during the pandemic.

Recognizing the importance of keeping Iowans housed during the pandemic, IMPACT helped more than 1,000 families with direct housing assistance during 2020, using funding from the CARES Act. This year, working with Polk County and Des Moines, Anne's team has kept more than 6,500 households from facing eviction and homelessness, committing more than \$35 million from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Congress passed in the last year. That includes families with nearly 7,000 children who were able to keep the homes they knew thanks to the efforts of Anne and IMPACT. Their work also received

praise from the Treasury Department as a high-performing program for making their program easy to use and working directly to help renters facing eviction.

Anne grew up in Toledo, Iowa, and after living in California for four years moved back to Iowa to commit her life to making sure that our social safety net would work for people going through tough times. That goal—making sure people could access services and leave feeling better than when they started—has driven her in getting her degree in Social Work from the University of Iowa and a Masters in Public Administration from Drake University, and continues to drive her work to reduce the barriers that people in poverty face. Anne's work at IMPACT includes both direct service to Iowans and looking at the systemic issues that create this kind of need in the US, and focuses on making sure that programs to help people need to recognize that the people they're helping are their most important stakeholders.

Anne now lives in Ankeny and is happily married with three adult children and one grandson.

Anne's dedication to helping others sets an example all of us can look to, and the work of Iowans like her is critical to making sure the work we do here in Congress reaches our constituents. My work on the Financial Services Committee to secure rental assistance to help Iowans recover from the impacts of the pandemic relies on dedicated public servants like Anne. I'm forever grateful for her work during this difficult time, and I will continue to work in Congress, as I did at the State of Iowa, to make sure that government truly works for the people. It is my privilege to recognize Anne Bacon as Iowan of the Week.

RECOGNIZING THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUMGAIT POGROMS

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to condemn the violence inflicted upon Armenians on the 34th anniversary of the Sumgait Pogroms in Azerbaijan. I believe that condemning these actions today will help prevent renewed aggression against citizens of Armenian descent who continue to live in Azerbaijan, while bringing attention to efforts to erase these atrocities from our collective memory. Further, I reaffirm our nation's commitment to an enduring, peaceful, and democratic resolution of the Artsakh conflict.

From 1988 to 1990, the Armenian population in Soviet Azerbaijan was the target of ethnically targeted pogroms in the cities of Sumgait, Kirovabad, and Baku. Beginning on February 27, 1988 in Sumgait, Armenian Christians were indiscriminately murdered, raped, and maimed by mobs of criminals and thugs. According to independent reporting, police in Baku allowed the pogroms to continue for 3 days, during which time Armenians were burned alive and thrown from windows.

Despite vocal U.S. and international protests over the Sumgait Pogroms, renewed anti-Armenian pogroms were launched in Kirovabad on November 21, 1988 that lasted for seven days. Fourteen months later in the capital,